

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

June 25, 2002

IN RE:

**APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
NEGOTIATED BY BELLSOUTH
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND
BELLSOUTH MOBILITY, LLC D/B/A
CINGULAR WIRELESS BELLSOUTH
PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS, LLC D/B/A
CINGULAR WIRELESS PURSUANT TO
SECTIONS 251 AND 252 OF THE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996**

DOCKET NO. 02-00355

ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT TO THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

The *Petition for Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated Between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and BellSouth Mobility, LLC d/b/a Cingular Wireless BellSouth Personal Communications, LLC d/b/a Cingular Wireless Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996* requesting approval of an amendment to the parties' commercial mobile radio services interconnection agreement came before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority") at the June 11, 2002 Authority Conference.

The original Interconnection Agreement was filed on February 7, 2002 and was assigned Docket No. 02-00120. The Authority approved the Agreement at the April 30, 2002 Authority Conference. The Amendment was filed on April 4, 2002 and came before the Authority pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252.

Based upon the record in this matter and the standards for review set forth in 47 U.S.C. § 252, the Directors unanimously approved the Amendment and made the following findings and conclusions:

1) The Authority has jurisdiction over public utilities pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-104.

2) The Amendment is in the public interest as it provides consumers with alternative sources of telecommunications services within the BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. service area.

3) The Amendment is not discriminatory to telecommunications service providers that are not parties thereto.

4) 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)(A) provides that a state commission may reject a negotiated agreement only if it “discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement” or if the implementation of the agreement “is not consistent with the public interest, convenience or necessity.” Unlike arbitrated agreements, a state commission may not reject a negotiated agreement on the grounds that the agreement fails to meet the requirements of 47 U.S.C. §§ 251 or 252(d).¹ Thus, although the Authority finds that neither ground for rejection of a negotiated agreement exists, this finding should not be construed to mean that the Amendment is consistent with §§ 251 or 252(d) or, for that matter, previous Authority decisions.

5) This is an amendment to an interconnection agreement for the provision of commercial mobile radio services, not an agreement between competing carriers.

6) By approving the Amendment, the Authority does not make a determination that the provision of wireless services to both business and residential customers within the BellSouth

¹ See 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)(B)(Supp. 2001).

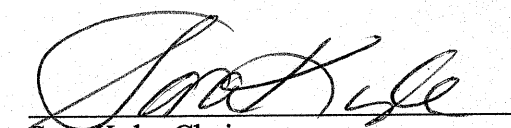
Telecommunications, Inc. service area rises to the level of facilities-based competition under 47 U.S.C. § 271(c)(1)(A).

7) No person or entity has sought to intervene in this docket.

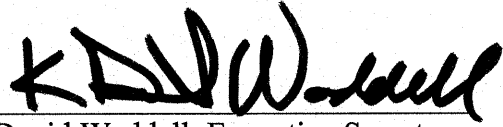
8) The Amendment is reviewable by the Authority pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252 and Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-104.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

The Amendment to the Commercial Mobile Radio Services Interconnection Agreement negotiated between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and BellSouth Mobility, LLC d/b/a Cingular Wireless BellSouth Personal Communications, LLC d/b/a Cingular Wireless is approved and is subject to the review of the Authority as provided herein.


Sara Kyle, Chairman
H. Lynn Greer, Jr., Director
Melvin J. Malone, Director

ATTEST:


K. David Waddell, Executive Secretary